

July 15, 2025

TOWN OF GRIFFITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the July 15, 2025, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

Detention Officer Francisco Paul Flattes

ROLL CALL:

James Marker
Lawrence Ballah
Rick Ryfa
Tony Hobson
Melissa Robbins - Absent

ALSO ATTENDING:

Gina Smith- Clerk Treasurer
Al Tharp – Chief of Police
Veronica Horka – Building Commissioner - Absent
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Andy Raab – Director of Public Works
Bryan E. Bott – Burke Costanza & Carberry Law Firm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2025, meeting, as presented, seconded by Council Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$964,809.58, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a Redevelopment Commission Meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 6:45 pm, there will be a study session at 6:30 pm and one will follow if necessary.
2. The next Town Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 7:00 pm, there will be a study session at 6:30 pm and one will follow if necessary.
3. July 24, 2025, starts our Movie in the Park Dates, the movie is Toy Story 3, starting at approximately 9:00 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

- Public Works- No Report
- Police – No Report
- Fire – No Report
- Building Commissioner – No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-7: Additional salary for our HR Representative. This would be by a current employee and an increase in the salary for our IT person. This being the first reading, Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, roll call taken, all in favor, rules suspended, Council Member Jim Marker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-7, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.
2. Ordinance 2025-8: Establishing employee compensation plans. Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to suspend the rules to vote on Ordinance 2025-8, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, roll call taken, all in favor, rules suspended, Council Member Tony Hobson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-8, seconded by Council Member Larry Ballah, all in favor, Motion Carried.

Water Board Meeting 7:10 pm to 7:11 pm

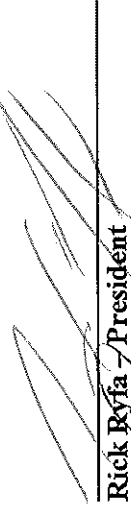
PENDING ITEMS: NONE

Public Comment:

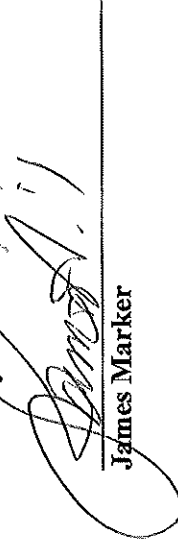
Jeff Csonka: Concerns, fireworks Ordinance 9pm to 11 pm, Griffith Lutheran church parking lot for personal use, speed on Broad Street and Ridge and 45th, blowing through stop lights. Street sweeper

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA


Rick Ryfa - President


Lawrence Ballah - Vice President


James Marker


Tony Hobson


Melissa Robbins


Attest: Gina Smith - Clerk Treasurer